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## UTILITY APPLICATION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL (1.53(b))

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

☐ Additional inventors are listed on a separate sheet

Enclosed Are:

6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ Unsigned  
☒ Newly Executed  
☐ Copy from prior application  
☐ Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

☐ REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) (form PTO/SB/35)

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- ☐ **Incorporation by Reference:**
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.
- ☐ Deletion of Inventors (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) and §1.33(b))
- Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- ☐ page(s) of Sequence Listing
- ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same
- ☒ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment
- ☐ Charge the Assignment Recordation Fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Assignment Papers filed in the parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 for:  
Application No(s). 11-367744, filed 12-24-99, in Japan (country).
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) [      ]
- ☐ filed herewith
- ☐ filed in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ English translation document(s) [      ]
- ☐ filed herewith
- ☐ filed in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for:  
Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Copy of [ 1 ] cited references
- ☐ PTO Form-1449
- ☐ References cited in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Related Case Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.198(a)(2)(iii)
- ☐ A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) Serial No(s): \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, is attached hereto.
- ☐ A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) entitled, \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ to inventor(s) \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, is attached hereto.
- ☐ A copy of each related application(s) was submitted in parent application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application serial no. . . . , filed \_\_\_\_\_, to which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).
- ☐ The status of the parent application is as follows:
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☐ No Petition for Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$710.00
Total Claims	21- 20 =	1x	\$18.00	\$ 18.00
Independent Claims	3- 3 =	0x	\$80.00	\$ 0
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TOTAL:				\$728.00

- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (f) paid herewith \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 728.00 in payment of the application filing fees is attached.

- Respectfully submitted,  
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Application Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); 40 pp. of specs., 1 page of abstract, 7 pp claims (21 TOTAL  
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